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### SOME ADDITIONS TO THE ALASKEN MOSSFFORA.

Among some mosses collected June, 1900, by Mr. J. B. Flett in Alaska near Nome, lat. 66° N., I have the pleasure of reporting the following as of special interest:

1. *Polytrichum Jensenii* Hagen.
2. *Dicranum Groenlandicum* Brid.
3. *Dicranum Bonjeani* polycladon Br. Eur.
4. *Webera carinata* (Brid., Boulay) Limpr., which I had collected sterile in N. W. Montana.
5. *Psilopilum Tschutschicum* C. Muell. in Bot. Centralbl. Bd. 16 (1883), p. 93.

This last plant agrees well with Carl Mueller's description of the Siberian plant, kindly furnished to the writer by the courtesy of Miss Josephine Tilden from the library of the University of Minnesota. Mr. R. S. Williams' plant collected on the "Left bank of Klondike below Bonanza Creek, June 18th, 1899," and distributed as No. 682 is also this species. J. M. HOLZINGER.

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### NECROLOGY.

Mr. D. A. Burnett was so well known to all advanced students of North American mosses that a brief account of his life will be of interest to all our readers. There is probably no man living who knew mosses in the field better than he did, and his collections now presented to The Museum of the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences, by Mrs. Smith, form a valuable addition to the botany of North America. Personally, Mr. Burnett was one of the most lovable men I have ever met and his death was in every sense a personal loss.

David Alexander Burnett was born in Searsbury, Orange Co., New York, August 2d, 1839. At five years of age his father removed to a farm in Orange Co., between Coldenham and Little Britain. He attended the public schools for a few years, then the Academy at Montgomery, N. Y., and Warnersville Seminary. He graduated from Union College, Schenectady, N. Y., in 1862; taught in the Academy at Middletown, N. Y., and Greenville and Moravia, N. Y., and in Charleston, S. C. Was married in 1864. In 1869 he removed to the oil regions, Pa., to engage in the oil business. He lived in Bradford, Pa., for the past twenty-five years.

In November, 1900, Mr. Burnett went to the Museum of the Botanical Gardens at Bronx Park, New York City. Ten months previous to this his physician discovered a valvular affection of the heart, but no serious trouble was anticipated very soon. He worked seven weeks at the Museum, and on Christmas morning went to his brother-in-law, Dr. D. T. Millspaugh, at Paterson, New Jersey, to meet his wife, who arrived there from Bradford, Pa., on that day, and to enjoy a large family gathering. The next day he had a severe attack of heart trouble, and in another week was confined to his room. He died early on the morning of Jan. 31st, 1891, at Riverlawn Sanitarium, Paterson, N. J. He was buried on February 3d, 1901, in the church at Little Britain, N. Y.

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